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NEW VERIFICATION OF PETARE INCIDENT

A startling climax to the Gonzales incident, in which two men engaged in a scuffle with hairy dwarves (APRO Bulletin, 15 January, 1955) near Caracas last November, is the fact that a well known Venezuelan Doctor saw the scuffle and was invited to the United States to make his statement to authorities there. Although APRO has the name of the man, it will not be revealed as he has asked that his identity be kept confidential.

At the time the doctor was interviewed by APRO representatives, he had just gotten his travel papers in order and was about to make the trip north to the United States. His story is as follows:

He had turned into the street in which Gonzales and his helper were scuffling with the little creatures, and upon seeing the men and what was taking place, made haste to get out of the vicinity as fast as he could. He did not make a statement as to what he saw until he was called on to treat two other individuals who were involved with the mysterious hairy little bipeds. He then contacted the authorities and told his story. The fact that this man planned a trip to the United States indicates that the United States Air Force was quite cognizant of the happenings in South America during the closing months of 1954. This is most interesting, as we will see.....

U.S. PRESS REPS VISIT CARACAS

It is indeed surprising that no mention has been made in the U.S. newspapers of the Petare, Carora, Valencia and Zulia encounters. A reporter told our Caracas representative personally that all Associated Press and United Press wires received the stories which were published in France, Italy and some other European countries. Stranger, it seems, is the fact that Mr. Miller of Business Week, Mr. Arnold Dible of United Press and Mr. John Scholl of the North American Newspaper Alliance were all 'coincidentally' in Caracas TWO DAYS AFTER THE PETARE INCIDENT! ---and made guarded comments in general about the UFO problem.

VENEZUELAN SCIENTIST-ASTRONOMER PROFESSES BELIEF IN INTERPLANETARY UFO
Dr. Aniceto Lugo, a Venezuelan astronomer and scientist who is very well documented on the UFO problem also believes that they are of extraterrestrial origin and has compiled all the authentic Venezuelan incidents into book form which is to be published shortly. As soon as information as to the availability of this book reaches us, it will be duly announced via this paper so that members may purchase same.

THE OVERALL PICTURE IN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES is almost too much to expect to cover, and inasmuch as we did devote the January issue to South America almost exclusively, we will hit the high spots this issue and give more space to the sightings which have warranted attention in other parts of the world.

THE PETARE CASE took Venezuela by storm---a group of intellectuals are now interested, and are following up the matter seriously by means of articles in the local press, radio and television programs. What caused quite a stir also was the declaration of the stand taken by the BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE, wherein they are requesting the united and cooperative efforts of ALL GOVERNMENTS toward the solution of the UFO problem which, in their opinion, based on factual observations and photographs, merits serious attention and study. The local (Caracas) press devoted whole pages to a briefing of Brazilian Air Force officials in Brazil by Colonel Jao Adil Oliveiera who gave good coverage to the cases mentioned by MAJOR DONALD KEYHOE in his book.

December 1, 1954: A strange glowing apparatus was seen hovering a few yards off the ground in Borburata, Venezuela. It was seen in the streets of the village.

Father Jesus Hernandez Chapellin, a Catholic priest, saw a luminous disc flying over Coro, Falcon State, on December 1, 1954.

The passage of a UFO in front of a plane piloted by Saul Paex Paredes, shook the plane and controls and frightened the pilot so that he returned to Maracaibo. The date: 2 December 1954.

Dr. Wilson Henry of the Pennsylvania Observatory, who was in Caracas on December 1, 1954, declared that the UFO are not the result of imagination or of collective psychosis, but are space-ships manned by visitors from the Planet Mars.

Astronomer Lugo reported in September, 1954, that as he was observing the moon at that time, he observed flashes of light inside the crater Kepler. Two nights after this, Mr. Venegas, secretary to the Minister of Communications, reported seeing TWO FLASHES OF LIGHT (of one and two minutes duration) on the borders of the Crater Copernicus.

THESE MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS At 1:07 a. m. on the morning of Thursday, January 11, 1955, people saw an intensely blue light in the skies over the urban section of Los Palos Grandes east of Caracas and heard simultaneously the report of a great explosion. A complete door-to-door search of the area disclosed nothing. Some thought the noise was an earthquake, and one woman said that when she heard the explosion she rushed outside and saw a blinding, intensely blue light disappearing in space over the Avila mountain. Others also witnessed the blue light phenomenon.

....And then there is the case of the radio telegraph operator of Panamerican Airways at Maiquetia International Airport, who had a nervous breakdown after his experience with a badly misbehaving machine. Authorities blamed the disturbances on atmospheric disturbances, but others point out that it is exceedingly strange that the worst atmospheric conditions ever experienced in Maiquetia developed during the

passage of the hurricane along the coast in September and October, 1954, and nothing unusual happened to the telegraph machine. The telegraph operator, Palacios, has been at his job for six years, and it is the first time he had seen anything of the kind. What happened to the machine? This is not exactly clear, but it is known that WHAT CAME IN OVER THE MACHINE is what caused Palacio great concern, and it is also known that a detailed report was sent to Miami to be relayed to an agency in the United States. This on December 2, 1954.

Despite these and many, many other authenticated reports of strange explosions, little eyeless and earless hairy creatures, maneuvering fireballs, glowing discs and globes, the news wires of the free press of the United States have been silent.

A direct denial that such censorship was in effect was made to a Mr. Sam Stickney of the Tampa Florida News. A columnist, Stickney had written a very nonsensical column about a 'rumor of little men in South Amercia' which was overheard by a Control Tower operator in Tampa while two airlines pilots were discussing the South American situation by radio phone. The Director, rather peeved at the attitude, wrote to Mr. Stickney in order to clarify a few points. Mr. Stickney had insultingly mentioned APRO in a former column. This caused Mr. Stickney to ask press wire representatives if such censorship was indeed in effect, and had any of the incidents the Director had mentioned, really happened? No, they said, laughingly-----of course not---and they and the laughable Mr. Stinkey had a great time chuckling over the "High Mogul" of saucerdom they had 'flushed'. Mr. Stinkey is a sickening example of the popular present trend to lazily believe everything in the newspapers that has first been duly digested by the 'authorities', and thereafter sit in judgement on a subject about which nothing is actually known. Someday perhaps Mr. Stinkey will find himself 'flushed'. Red in the face, that is. We are going to keep track of Mr. Stinkey---and his columns on this subject are on file.

NEXUS: UFO are U.S. Weapons

We sincerely challenge the authenticity of any information offered by NEXUS to the effect that the UFOs are the property of the U. S. military or that of any country, as a matter of record. We would like to caution anyone who has been given 'reliable information' regarding the real ownership of the UFOs----the Air Force isn't telling anyone the truth and any little 'on the sides' are as false as the explanations they have been feeding the public for so long.

We would like to know: If the UFOs are U. S. weapons, why do we endanger the lives and property of people all over the earth by flying the things along airlines routes, often buzzing planes in flight? If they are earth-made, what kind of screwball outfit is allowing the U.S. to plunge into debt to the tune of a few hundred billion in order to research and produce the Nike, the Falcon, the Aerobee and other highly fallible guided missiles which cannot begin to approach the performance of the UFO? It is a well known fact that the guidance systems which are the life blood of guided missiles, will never be dependable until a reliable vacuum tube has been produced----and it hasn't to this date. The electronic guidance systems which are the eyes and ears of a guided missile and which would be the means by which a UFO type object would be controlled, are not even nearly perfected. One little vacuum tube

could louse up a whole missile---and the saucers haven't crashed--- that is, to our knowledge.

We would also like to know why Air Force personnel get so shook when a UFO is spotted near a base. It's happened, we know, and each time excitement mounts, careful observations are made, and all available tracking instruments are utilized in order to get as much data as possible. As for the Air Force statements that there have been no results with the special spectrographic cameras, we'll challenge that one, too! We happen to know that such a film was taken at a research center and after being classified, was routed to higher headquarters.

Jim Moseley's (Editor of NEXUS) claim that the special, much-lauded cameras which would, supposedly, disclose the nature of the saucers, only cost a pittance apiece is decidedly off-base to say the least! The things were made in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at the time the order was placed quite a few people in the employ of that company were rejoicing at this huge, juicy contract! A pittance, you say? Hardly that! The total expenditures on flying saucer investigations would make many a taxpayer writhe in righteous anger if they were to know the exact amount---and the fact that investigations are being stepped up with regular representatives in countries of the free world really makes the blood boil when we stop and think of how little of the results have been made public.

One statement made by Mr. Mosely which the Director would like to personally challenge is his statement on page 7 of the March issue to the effect that he doubts that America's highest skilled scientists have been under contract to evaluate saucer reports. The Director talked personally to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy and physics at Ohio University at Columbus, and Lt. Olsson of Air Technical Intelligence in June 1953, for a period of about 4 hours. Both of the men were detailed to investigate a report at Darlington, Wisconsin, and made many other similar trips after that. Although the talk was invaluable insofar as a discussion of authenticity of reports and general scientific knowledge of astronomy was concerned, she did not learn much in regard to the UFO---those intelligence boys are pretty sharp. We would also like to challenge this statement in the light of the signed statement in the hands of Frank Edwards which was written by qualified scientists in the employ of the United States government. Just because Mr. Mosely is not aware that a situation exists, does not necessarily mean that it does not exist. Since Mr. Edwards is a pioneer in saucer research, also a noted and dependable news analyst and announcer, we are more inclined to believe him than Mr. Mosely.

Here is some added information which may interest Mr. Mosely: Most of the officers doing research work at Wright-Patterson are aware of the saucer building projects. Also---we definitely know that saucer information which gives any kind of detailed data is classified top secret. Our source---it's as good as Mr. Mosely's---and we can honestly, hand-on-the-Bible say that we fear the consequences if we revealed it. Have to eat, you know!

On the subject of the yearly cost of Project Grudge, 'a few thousand a year' is the understatement of the year. One hundred and twenty

military investigators at \$5,000 each per year (assuming they are all second looies, which they are not) gives us about \$60,000, and that doesn't begin to scrape the surface on UFO expense problems. The grid cameras---the salaries of the scientists whom Mosely doubts, the paper and the people to process the paperwork, the IBM machines for processing data cards, operators for those machines, the heavy cost of travelling for military and civilian investigators on temporary duty---it all adds up, and it adds up to more than 'a few thousand a year.'

Lastly, but certainly not leastly, we would like to know whether Mr. Mosely considers the Farmington saucers (hundreds of them, according to observers) just a bunch of U.S. secret weapons on parade? We doubt that the U.S. had gathered enough dope to even build a jet-propelled manned discoid at that time. However, there they were, either with pilots immune to G-pulls or with perfected guidance systems, doing sensational acrobatics in the air. Defying the forces of gravity and the laws of physics as well.

And then there was the young student who accompanied a team of scientists to a desert area in the southwest to examine and dismantle a saucer-shaped object. No bodies, he said, and all they could find that might have had anything to do with propulsion was the series of magnets fixed in a ring.

A few years ago, shortly after the epidemic of strange lights and aerial objects in Northwest New Mexico, a young tech sargeant wandered away from the rest of his crew who had been detailed to investigate. He was found huddled like a baby and babbling and crying intermittently. He is now in a mental institution and any mention of what he saw on that night throws him into a fit of depression, babbling and crying. Some people might have us believe that this unfortunate individual merely saw a U.S. secret weapon. We have the names and addresses of the people who can verify the above information---we do not merely say 'reliable source' (it's much over-used anyway)---rather, we say that these sources are unimpeachable.

It is much more expedient at this time of international crisis and economic instability for the U.S. government to insinuate that the saucers are merely hallucinations and/or our own military secret weapons, for if the truth were suddenly disclosed, a wave of hysteria including suicides, economic disaster and disorderly flight from the unknown to the unknown would be in the offing. They're actually pretty slick, aren't they? It isn't hard to plant information when there are so many Johanu-Come-Latelies in the saucer business who swallow anything and everything in order to 'scoop' everyone else. We old hands (8 years for the Director) just sit back and plug along---gathering reports, authenticating reports, examining reports and pictures, ---we don't know anything for sure---no documents, that is---but we have theories based on facts and they are worth far more in the long run than the 'off the cuff' revelations of the Air Force or any of its cohorts.

It is always easy to kick a man when he is already down, and who is currently the target for all the would-be 'exposers'---but we think a great injustice has been done in insinuating that Frank Scully let

himself be skewered. There are a great many facts which would appear to indicate that Skully wasn't talking through his hat, and time will tell. Remember the old saying---"The truth will out".

MOON NEWS

Our friend Horacio Gonzales sends us a very interesting hand-sketched reproduction of the Piccolomini area of the Moon. This reproduction is copied directly from Plate No. 1 of Lick Observatory Moon 'set Photos. His study of the photos revealed that very nearly the whole surface of the Moon is covered by strange markings with sharp corners, interlocking lines, all of which seem to be connecting small cr  terlets. It would be an understatement at the least to say that these strange markings are interesting.....also, they do not appear to be the work of Old Mother Nature.

Dr. Aniceto Lugo (page 1) of Venezuela last September reported that he observed flashes of light inside the crater Kepler. So no accredited astronomers have observed these phenomena, eh? What does it take to be accredited nowadays?

Mr. David V. Lansden of Cairo, Illinois, sends us a very nice cutting from the PRINCETON ALUMNI WEEKLY which deals with "Travel Through Space." The author, Lyman Spitzer, Jr., is chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Princeton, and one sentence particularly intrigued us: "We suspect that plant life may exist on Mars, since the surface turns green in summer and brown in winter. Perhaps there is animal life, too, possibly even intelligent life." Mr. Spitzer is one of the few scientists we have run across who isn't afraid of conjecturing along these lines. Incidentally, member Lansden is a graduate of Princeton.

The LIBRARY RESEARCH GROUP at 408 International Building, Washington, D. C. sent us a flyer on their "Case for the UFO" by M. K. Jessup. The advance publicity bills Mr. Jessup as a "former professional astronomer of the University of Michigan who set up an observatory in South Africa." We have no verification of this, but are checking. Inasmuch as this Bulletin is late, and the next one is not due out until May, we can only say that members should use their own discretion and judgement in buying this book---at least it is another book for the collection. In fact, our Michigan members might do a little independent checking and let us know the results of their findings.

Members may be interested to know that the Director and her family are planning to build their home this summer, and as soon as they are nicely settled, would like to extend an invitation to all who may wish to visit. Backed up against the San Andreas mountains, the homesite is a full acre with beautiful mountain view to the North, East and South. It will afford a perfect observatory site where the Director will keep her four-inch Skyscope in working condition at all times.

We have lost two APRO members to the grim reaper in the last two months. First to go was Mrs. Alice Gallaudet, age 70, of Essex, Connecticut, who had been with us for two years. On February 12 Walter Hagen, former Treasurer of APRO, succumbed to a heart attack at Green Bay, Wisconsin. We wish them peace and happiness on the other side.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

April 5, 1955, TWO BRILLIANT FIREBALLS, one a bright kelly green and the other brilliant white, were observed over New Mexico at 0955 a. m. These objects, seen by Airlines pilots, military observers and laymen, were not meteors said Dr. Lincoln La Paz, director of the Department of Meteoritics, Albuquerque. In fact, Dr. La Paz said he didn't know what they are.

One night in February at Dexter, Maine, a man was awakened by a very brilliant light outside his house. It seemed in the direction of the barn, and thinking that his barn was on fire, the fellow rushed downstairs to look. Instead of the fire he expected, he observed a big silver object hovering over his barn. The object threw off very powerful beams of light that lit the place as bright as day. It took off at high speed when the man turned on his porch light. The incident was repeated the following night, whereupon the frightened man notified the police who in turn notified the Air Force. Air Force investigators arrived, made their investigations, cautioned the man to be quiet and not to tell the newspapers. However, people still talk about odd and interesting things, bless them, and so although even the local newspapers are being cheated out of news, we are not! Many thanks, Mrs. Mary C. Kimball!

On November 9, 1954, 1230 A. M., a young couple at Damascus, Ohio, the wife of a young ham radio operator turned on her husband's radio set preparatory to calling him on his mobile unit. She had the set tuned in and waiting for his call when she heard a rumble outside. The noise was deafening and rattled the windows and dishes. She looked out the front window and saw a huge oblong object hovering over the high school just across the road. It appeared metallic and gave off a pale glow, but no other details were evident. The thing appeared to be about 100 feet long, as compared with the section of the school over which it was hovering. She soon heard the sound of a low-flying jet, and the object seemed to vanish. After the jet circled a few times and left, the object appeared again in the same place. Soon it vanished again, just after dropping a small, sparkly object on or back of the school. The wife was extremely frightened and in a bad state of nerves when her husband returned home. Both had observed UFO on previous occasions, but had never reported for obvious reasons. We can thank member Walter N. Webb for this interesting report.

TIFFIN, OHIO, 1:20 A. M. April 8. A mysterious, green pear-shaped light floating gently earthward in the NE at 1:20 a. m., was reported by meteorologist Stanley Day. Day said the object was green except at the upper tip, which was white, with a dot of red at the extreme end. He also stated that it was apparently a long ways away, probably over Lake Erie, and tremendous in size. Day said he was a complete loss to explain the object for it was no astronomical or atmospheric phenomena, the sky was clear and there were no planes in the area. Here's another 'accredited' observer for our friends in the Air Force.

Cobalt, Ont, CANADA, A light described by one witness as brighter than daylight and said by others to have danced; moved in a straight line and hovered, was seen in the north late in the evening of Dec 26, 1954. Willis St. Jean, employed at a mine three miles north of Cobalt, said he was in the mine yard when the area was illuminated by a cone of light brighter than daylight, which came from a giant lighted disc.

Strange lights which moved at great speed and in circular directions, were reported recently over Milford, Massachusetts. No date on this clipping---we assume it to have been in February or March.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 20. A big black 'blob' was observed in the Southeastern sky at 5:25 a. m. A Mr. David Owen saw the thing and watched it as it descended so that it appeared to be at about the height of a town tower. Then, said Mr. Owen, it started to rise again toward the Southeast. It went out of sight within 3 or 4 minutes. Not smoke, black as ink, Owen said. The weatherman, A. W. Walstron of the U. S. Weather Bureau, said he couldn't explain the 'thing'---it was not snow clouds nor smoke, and no balloons were aloft.

On his noon newscast on KFGO, Fargo, North Dakota, Paul Harvey mentioned an unidentified disc which has been found. The date of the newscast was April 14, 1955 and the few facts contained herein were gleaned by a chance tuning-in by one of our members. There must be one APRO member who knows Harvey or at least could get to him. This one sounds good, so how about it, someone?

During the latter part of January, a strange blue light was reported to be bobbing in the air over the Blue Mountains along the Weston-Elgin highway near La Grande, Oregon. First seen by a snowplow team, the object would stop when the driver stopped, bob up and down and then sideways. When first seen it seemed to be coming at the men at high speed. After doing acrobatics, the thing moved upward and vanished over trees to the left of the men, emitting a hum. The driver started up his vehicle, and the blue light reappeared in the sky to the right of the highway, emitting a bluish glow with an occasional blue flash---and then vanished. A week after this incident, another snowplow driver stopped to check one of his chains and was surprised to see that he was casting a shadow. He looked up to see a bobbing blue light from which came a humming sound. The driver started up the plow, and the light followed. Then it moved leisurely down the canyon. No satisfactory explanation has yet been offered.

Auckland, New Zealand, February 6, 1955. A mysterious explosion of terrific force shook the west coast of New Zealand's South Island. People reported seeing a strange silver shape flash overhead at the same time. Observers at widely separated points described the object as cigar-shaped and emitting a dazzling light and traveling at high speed. They said it lost altitude as it moved inland toward the Southern Alps. The explosion was heard and felt over several hundred square miles.

February 9, 1955, Tokyo, Japan. Army, Air Force and Japanese maritime officials were at a loss to explain the 'awesome' blasts heard along the east-central coast of Japan. Japan's Central Meteorological Observatory said that the blasts were not caused by an earthquake or undersea volcanic eruption. They also said there was no evidence that

THE BLASTS WERE MANMADE! The U. S. Air Force said they couldn't have been to blame and the army likewise denied credit for the phenomena. An atomic explosion was ruled out because there were no atmospheric radiation changes.

Dunedin, Florida, USA.---Five adult witnesses observed a bright reddish-yellow ball about the size of a basketball which brightened, then dimmed, but remained motionless in the sky for about five minutes at 10 p. m. January 27. The observers said that after watching it for five minutes, they saw it take off rapidly to the south. The light went off, then appeared again. Finally it disappeared.

Again, out of South America, comes another sighting made by qualified observers and which will go a long way toward convincing the skeptics. On February 2, 1955, Captain Dario Celis and his co-pilot P. J. Cortes of the Linea Aeropostal Venezolana (Airpost Airlines of Venezuela) said that they came near to a top-shaped, tri-colored object while en route to Barquisimeto. The men and their two passengers described the object as having a series of port holes and showing three colors. The top was green, the center red and emitted brilliant flashes of light, and the bottom, which was white carried a series of port holes. Celis described his experience as being 'the most sensational experience in his career as a pilot'. The object flew wing with the airplane, and rotated counterclockwise on its axis. Both pilots spotted the object at the same time, Celis put the plane into a 40 degree bank while Cortes went into the passenger compartment to alert the passengers, many of whom got a good look at the thing.

The airliner, upon having made contact with the object, called the tower at Barquisimeto and during their description of the object, communication was suddenly suspended. This fact is corroborated by the radio operator at Barquisimeto and also at Valera. This sighting took place during a routine operation at 11:15 a. m. between Barquisimeto and Valera, the plane's speed was 125 m.p.h., the altitude 7,500 feet, and visibility UNLIMITED.

On February 10 at 9:30 p. m. residents of Caracas were stunned to see a huge disc-shaped object with two brilliant lights on the underside cruise over the city. The lights were compared in size and brilliancy to those used at stadiums for night games. One observer called a member of APRO who is well-known in Caracas for his work in UFO research. He then gave the member a sketch of the object and the details. This man had been unaware that others had seen the phenomena and did not realize that there had been other witnesses until the article appeared in the papers the next day.

On February 11, a Panamerican pilot told reporters in Maiquetia, Venezuela that on one of his runs between Miami, Florida, and New York, two strange reddish-green objects had passed beneath his plane. He said that the co-pilot and the passengers also saw the objects, and that he had been silent about the sighting until after he made his report to the U. S. Air Force.

Quito, Ecuador February 16, 1955. Air Force Captain Francisco Soloranzano, while doing a routine flight with his squad, observed a brilliant object which looked like it was made of aluminum, shaped like a half orange, with a sort of dome in the center of the upper section and with a circle in the lower section. The object remained stationary over the volcano Pichincha (in the Andes) then began to descend from an altitude of approximately 18,000 feet. The object remained visible for about two hours, moving slowly about the sky, then just before speeding out of sight, it emitted a small lighted object which disappeared at a great rate of speed in the opposite direction (west). More than 100 personnel of the Air Base where Captain Solorzano landed, watched the maneuvering objects for some 60 minutes. Photos taken.

A disc-shaped object with a lighted cockpit was observed over Talará, Peru, on January 16, and was pursued by a plane from a local air-drome. The disc, maneuvering at some 20,000 feet, soared higher and higher until it was out of sight, eluding the plane. Peruvian Engineer Victor Pool stated his belief that the base of operations for the mysterious craft was undoubtedly located in the Huanuco region.

An orange-tinted light closed in on a commercial airliner in the vicinity of Punta San Juan, Venezuela at 6:45 p. m. January 2, 1955. The pilot, co-pilot and two other crew members watched the thing until, at close range, it focused some kind of bright light into the cockpit of the plane, at intervals of a few seconds.

Residents of Manizales, Colombia were privileged to observe a very bright object over that town in the evening of January 6, 1955. The object gave off streamers of bright light like flare-rockets at five-second intervals. This phenomena lasted from 7:30 p. m. until 9:30 p. m. when it vanished toward the Andean range.

*From
files*
A new type of 'saucer contact' has come to light, this one from Mexico City where, in August of 1953, a taxi-driver encountered a small man in the country while repairing his automobile. Other details: The little man had a 'pretty' face which was almost snow-white behind his helmet. The helmet looked like 'an American football player's helmet, with coils where the ears are, and on his back the little man had square protuberances. The helmet buzzed, he had long hair, a blue-colored belt which appeared to be perforated. The little man said the belt enabled him to paralyze any animal or mechanism. The craft itself, is described as an almost duplicate of Adamski's famed tri-landing-gear outfit, and that, coupled with the long hair, and claims that the little man could speak any language, made the whole rumor sound like too much tequila or a lot of dreaming at least. The claim that goes along with the story is that investigation showed a spot almost completely bare of vegetation, and that PHILLIPS Laboratories had come to take samples of vegetation and the soil.

If anything solid comes of the latter, it could be that a chance meeting was stretched a bit, and later reading of Adamski's book helped the man to fill in some of the bare spots in his story.

A letter from one of our members brings up the following: Out of the many commentaries on the January issue, only one member felt the "Commentary" column to be superfluous. This fellow felt that only 10 sightings and three pages of commentary a little out of balance. Our answer to this charge is this: We issue this Bulletin six times each year, and perhaps once or twice will theories be exploited---the rest of the Bulletin is confined to important news and sightings. We feel that after reading most of the other periodicals dealing with UFO, especially those which use most of their space for the airing of various and sundry theories, the APRO Bulletin is doing a pretty good job of reporting the FACTS.

Another member---and a fairly new one at that, upbraided the Director in a recent letter because of a doubting remark regarding Adamski and his friends. The plain facts are these---APRO is a research organization dealing with facts---not a religious organization dealing with dogma. As for the accusation (indirectly put) that the Director or APRO are in league with the Air Force or any 'pressure groups' we will say this: The Director was investigating saucers before a lot of the new 'enthusiasts' had gotten their feet (or their ears) wet in the sea of confusion that is saucer research. During all this time, starting with 1947 (when the Director saw her first UFO) she has never been in league with the Air Force, and has consistently fought for the revelation about the facts on UFO to the people of the world. However---she has never insisted that the occupants are human or otherwise, as many are wont to do. Anyone who is in doubt about the Director's intentions need only contact Major Donald E. Keyhoe or Frank Edwards. Written votes of confidence by both of these men are on file with the Director.

The Director will forthrightly say that she will personally vouch for the sightings made in South America and for the persons investigating them---one of whom is a linguist, amateur astronomer of years' standing (and respected by professional astronomers) whose profession is technical translation. This man deals with facts, and each and every sighting forwarded by him and authenticated by him has undergone exhaustive investigation. Most of these contacts with 'hairy' little men have been authenticated by physical evidence found by the police, and NOT BROUGHT FORTH AND PRESENTED BY THE CONTACTER himself, as is the case with Adamski, Betherum, Angelucci and others, who have never been able to get the consent of their 'space brothers' for a clear photograph. Any space explorer who wanted to get an idea across to the inhabitants of another world, would at least furnish his go-between with tangible, believable evidence. That has not been done.

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